

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-05**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Katrina is one of the most devastating natural disasters in American history, causing the loss of untold thousands of lives and the widespread destruction of property on the Gulf Coast, especially in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of this disaster requires a national response for the recovery of the areas directly affected by the storm; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire country is affected by this disaster, which has decreased the production of oil, and affected fuel supplies nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota has existing Emergency Management Assistance Compacts with the affected states; and

**WHEREAS**, the States of Louisiana and Mississippi have requested assistance from North Dakota for military personnel to conduct various relief activities within those states, and it is expected that additional requests for assistance from North Dakota state agencies will be made in the near future; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Hoeven, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, declare a state of emergency within the State and order utilization of the North Dakota Emergency Operations Plan, as applicable.

This order is based on the executive authority vested in the Governor by Article V, Sections 1 and 7 of the North Dakota Constitution, and the statutory authority to respond to emergencies granted by Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State